

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for interacting with collaboration data, comprising:
accessing a web page that is associated with a collaboration service and that includes a link that is associated with collaboration data that is stored non-locally;
selecting the link on the web page;
obtaining the non-local collaboration data from a non-local data store;
storing the non-local collaboration data locally;
interacting with the locally stored collaboration data; and
attempting to update the non-local collaboration data when a value associated with the locally stored collaboration data has been modified.
2. The method of Claim 1, wherein interacting with the locally stored collaboration data, further comprises displaying the locally stored collaboration data within a spreadsheet control to a user.
3. The method of Claim 1, wherein interacting with the locally stored collaboration data, further comprises allowing bulk operations to be performed on records of the locally stored collaboration data.
4. The method of Claim 1, wherein attempting to update the non-local collaboration data, further comprises allowing the user to keep interacting with the locally stored collaboration data during the attempt to update.
5. The method of Claim 1, wherein interacting with the locally stored collaboration data, further comprises performing at least one of the following operations, including sorting, filtering, scrolling, pasting, and changing the locally stored collaboration data.
6. The method of Claim 2, further comprising flushing the locally stored collaboration data when it is no longer being accessed.

7. The method of Claim 2, wherein storing the non-local collaboration data locally further comprises storing the non-local collaboration data in a cache.

8. The method of Claim 2, further comprising performing a validation check to determine whether a modification to the locally stored collaboration data is invalid.

9. The method of Claim 8, further comprising sending an error message to the user when the validation check determines that the modification is invalid.

10. A system for interacting with collaboration data, comprising:
a server including a network communication device coupled to a network and a data store configured to store collaboration data;
a client including a display, a network communication device coupled to the network and a local data store, a browser including a web page configured to present at least one link to a user associated with the collaboration data, and an application that is configured to perform actions, including:
receive a selection of a link on the web page shown in the display that is associated with the collaboration data;
obtain the collaboration data from the data store;
store the obtained collaboration data within the local data store;
interact with the locally stored collaboration data without interaction with the server.

11. The system of Claim 10, further comprising a spreadsheet control that is used to display the locally stored collaboration data.

12. The system of Claim 11, wherein the application is further configured to attempt to update the collaboration data stored at the non-local data store while still allowing the user to interact with the locally stored collaboration data.

13. The system of Claim 11, wherein the spreadsheet control is configured to provide functionality similar to functionality within a spreadsheet program.

14. The system of Claim 11, wherein the data store is flushed when the locally stored collaboration data is no longer being accessed.

15. The system of Claim 13, wherein the application is further configured to perform a validation check on changes to the collaboration data.

16. A computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for interacting with collaboration data, the instructions comprising:

- receiving a selection of a link on a web page that is associated with collaboration data that is stored at a non-local data store;
- obtaining the collaboration data from the non-local data store;
- storing the collaboration data locally; and
- interacting with the locally stored collaboration data without accessing the non-local collaboration data.

17. The computer-readable medium of Claim 16, further comprising updating the non-local collaboration data stored when a change to the locally stored collaboration data is valid.

18. The computer-readable medium of Claim 17, further comprising allowing a user to keep interacting with the locally stored collaboration data during the updating.

19. The computer-readable medium of Claim 16, wherein interacting with the locally stored collaboration data, further comprises displaying the collaboration data within a spreadsheet control.

20. The computer-readable medium of Claim 19, wherein interacting with the locally stored collaboration data, further comprises performing at least one of the following operations, including: sorting, filtering, scrolling, pasting, and changing the locally stored collaboration data.

21. The computer-readable medium of Claim 19, further comprising sending an error message to the user when the change to the locally stored collaboration data is invalid.